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"Turn now to the temperance revolution. In it we shall find a stronger bondage broken, a viler slavery manumitted, a greater tyrant deposed—in it, more of want supplied, more disease healed, more sorrow assuaged. By it, no orphans starving, no widows weeping. By it, none wounded in feeling, none injured in interest; even the dram-maker and dram-seller will have glided into other other occupations so gradually as never to have felt the change, and will stand ready to join all others in the universal song of gladness. And what a noble ally this, to the cause of political freedom; with such an aid, its march cannot fail to be on and on, till every son of earth shall drink in rich fruition the sorrow-quenching draughts of perfect liberty. Happy day, when, all appetites controlled, all passions subdued, all matter subjugated, mind, all-conquering mind, shall live and move, the monarch of the world! Glorious consummation! Hail, fall of fury! Reign of reason all hail!

"And when the victory shall be complete —when there shall be neither a slave nor a drunkard on the earth—how proud the title of that LAND, which may truly claim to be the birth-place and the cradle of both those revolutions that shall have ended in that victory! How nobly distinguished that people, who shall have planted, and nurtured to maturity, both the political and moral freedom of their species."

Upon one occasion Mr. Lincoln volunteered to defend fifteen women who were indicted for saloon smashing in Clinton, Illinois. In his address to the court he said in part:

"I will say a few words in behalf of the women who are arraigned before your honor and the jury. I would suggest, first, that there be a change in the indictment, so as

to read, 'The State of Illinois against Mr. Whiskey' instead of against these defendants. It would be more appropriate. Touching this question there are three laws: First, the law of self-protection; second, the law of the statute; third, the law of God. The law of self-protection is the law of necessity as shown when our fathers threw the tea into Boston harbor, and in asserting their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This is the defense of these women. The man who has persisted in selling whiskey has no regard for their well-being or for the welfare of their husbands and sons. He has had no fear of God or regard for man; neither has he had any regard for the laws of the statute. The course pursued by this liquor dealer has been for the demoralization of society. His groggery has been a nuisance. These women, finding all moral suasion of no avail with this fellow, oblivious to all tender appeal, alike regardless of their prayers and tears, in order to protect their households and promote the welfare of community, united to suppress the nuisance. The good of society demands its suppression. They accomplish what otherwise could not have been done."

Mr. Lincoln's thought concerning "personal liberty" was well expressed in 1864 in the city of Baltimore:

"The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty."

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